

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-36-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICE
PROGRAM MANAGERS

**REASON FOR THIS
TRANSMITTAL**

- ☒ State Law Change
☐ Federal Law or Regulation
Change
☐ Court Order
☐ Clarification Requested by One
or More Counties

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 2030 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES WORKLOAD
STUDY

REFERENCE: SB 2030, CHAPTER 785, STATUTES OF 1998

The purpose of this notice is to inform all county social service agencies of a study that will be conducted of the current Child Welfare Services (CWS) workload and associated budgeting methodology. Pursuant to California Senate Bill (SB) 2030, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is required to contract for an evaluation of the adequacy of the current CWS budgeting methodology and to report the findings and recommendations to the Legislature. A contractor has been selected to perform the study and it is expected that the evaluation will be conducted from June 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. The CDSS is requesting that each county social service agency identify a contact person(s) to work with the contractor during the course of the evaluation.

The contractor selected to perform the study is the *American Humane Association (AHA)*. This organization will work in coordination with *Walter R. McDonald and Associates (WRMA)* to complete the evaluation. Both organizations have extensive knowledge in the area of children's services and the AHA is nationally renown for conducting CWS workload studies. Mr. John Fluke, Ph.D.(AHA) and Mr. Walter R. McDonald (WRMA) will be the principal investigators assigned to this study.

Each county must identify a contact person(s) who will work closely with the contractor and CDSS staff to coordinate time study and staff training efforts, coordinate county participation in focus group meetings and to provide other assistance as necessary to ensure that data collection needs are met. The CWS Workload Study is a major statewide effort that will require the involvement of all county social services agencies to ensure that all stakeholder issues and concerns are addressed. It is expected that **all counties** will be involved to some degree in

the evaluation process either through participation in focus group meetings and/or involvement in the time study process.

Please submit the name, phone number, fax number and e-mail address, of the contact person(s) for your county to the address below by **June 15, 1999**. Please consider that the individual(s) selected may be subject to a considerable time commitment during the months of July – December 1999:

California Department of Social Services
Financial Planning Branch
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Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Nola Niegel

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Every county's participation in the CWS Workload Study is essential to ensuring a successful evaluation of the current child welfare services budgeting methodology and may influence the potential implementation of a more efficient model that will ensure California's most vulnerable children and families receive adequate and appropriate services.

If you have any questions concerning this notice or the SB 2030 CWS Workload Study, please contact Douglas D. Park, Chief, Financial Planning Branch at (916) 657-3439 or Nola Niegel at (916) 654-1086.

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c: California Welfare Directors Association